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1. Between 30 July and 20 August 1951, a Soviet rocket launcher unit was quartered in the barracks installation adjoining ul. Andrzeja Struga in Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) on the east side of the road to Lueben (O 52/B 84) and just south of the railroad line to Lagan (O 52/B 26). The installation consisted of four barracks buildings along the road and two barracks buildings behind them. The entrance was between the two southernmost buildings. The former stables converted into garages were on the northern and eastern edge of the billeting area. The gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with crossed gun-barrels and caps with black bands and dark red pipings. One forenoon, about 50 soldiers were observed drilling without weapons, and another group of about 30 soldiers participating in athletics. Rocket launchers were seen in some open garages. On the doors of their cockpits the guns had white crossed gun-barrels within a white frame, about 20x20 cm,

Trucks and sedans observed in the billeting area

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The trucks bore a T painted white on their sides. Heavy motor traffic was maintained between the barracks installation and an installation which was guarded by soldiers and was located about 500 meters northeast of the barracks installation, immediately west of the railroad line to Pfaffendorf (O 52/B 82). The installation near Pfaffendorf consisted of a five-story depot-like building and two large low wooden barracks buildings covered with roofing paper. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with crossed gun-barrels. Noise of wood and metal working machines was heard from the installation. a 25X1 repair shop affiliated with the barracks installation was located there.

2. Soviet troops were also observed in the barracks installation on the northwest side of ul. Slubicka, previously Frankfurterstrasse, in the Toeferberg suburb. The barracks installation consisted of one large building facing the street and four small buildings. Old sheds which had been converted into garages were in the northwestern section of the barracks area which was bordered by Bruchstrasse on the southwest. Sentries at the gate wore signal insignia. Vehicles seen in the barracks area included trucks and sedans, but no heavy artillery pieces. 25X1

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3. The barracks installation on the northeast side of ul. Chojnowska, formerly Haynauerstrasse, and west of the railroad line was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Along the road, the installation comprised buildings numbered 150 through 160 and ~~consisted~~ of six three-story barracks buildings of which four faced the street with their gable ends. The entire installation was surrounded by a wall. Also in the barracks area was a U-shaped shop in the northwestern section and a small building with a radio station which had a simple braced antenna rod. Soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with transport insignia. In front of the U-shaped shop which probably housed a repair shop stood a T-34 tank which obviously was under repair. A radio truck with extended antenna was seen on a hill about 500 meters north of the barracks installation. Motor vehicles seen in the barracks area

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4. The former Grenadier Kaserne which is bordered by Ulanska, formerly Nikolai-strasse, Pancerna, formerly Grenadierstrasse, and Weissenburgerstrasse was occupied by Soviet tank troops. The installation was an old German barracks installation surrounded by a brick wall. The barracks gate was at the corner of Nikolaistrasse and Grenadierstrasse. Sentries seen there as well as soldiers entering and leaving the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Four or five JS tanks were seen one day in the barracks area. They had a triangular bow and a turtle-shaped turret. Trucks and sedans seen in the barracks area

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5. A Soviet restricted area was in the southwestern section of the town, between Goldbergerstrasse and Jauerstrasse. It was bordered by Albrechtstrasse, Goldbergerstrasse, Raupachstrasse, Schubertstrasse, Scheibstrasse and a street along the south side of the athletic grounds. The entire area was surrounded by a wooden fence, about 3 meters high, which was painted light-grey and had three **rows of barbed wire** on top. Entrances were at the corner of Raupachstrasse and Dovestrasse and at the corner of Schubertstrasse and Tannenbergsstrasse on the east. They had wooden gates and were guarded by sentries with fixed bayonets who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Another wall protecting the area was behind the wooden fence. Audi sedan was seen at the north gate. Civilians stated that the headquarters of the Soviet High Command was located in this restricted area.

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6. Another barracks installation surrounded by a high wall was on Goldpark hill on the south side of Siegesallee and east of Goldbergerstrasse. No information on the occupation of the barracks installation was available.
7. The building unit which is bordered by Piastenstrasse, Litterstrasse, Jauerstrasse and Kaiserstrasse in the northwestern sector of the town center was occupied by Soviet troops. The entrance, with a sentry box, was at 17 Piastenstrasse. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Many officers were seen there. Some wore narrow silver epaulets, caps with green bands and red pipings and black trousers with red pipings, while others wore black trousers, caps with black bands and red pipings and broad gold epaulets with red background and red pipings.

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8.

[redacted] map existed. No Polish troops or Polish military quarters were seen in Liegnitz. *

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[redacted] Comment. The report confirms the barracks installations and quarters in Liegnitz which are known from information by resettlers, but deviates from previous information on the occupation of the installations. [redacted]. While previous information indicated that the barracks installation on the road to Luken was occupied by a signal unit, the present report indicates a rocket launcher unit. The barracks installation on Frankfurterstrasse was previously reported occupied by artillery and is now reported occupied by a signal unit. The barracks installation on the northeast side of Haynauerstrasse was previously reported as housing an administrative unit while, according to the present report, it quarters a motorized unit and a repair shop. The Grenadier Kaserne was previously reported occupied by **Russians** and now houses a heavy tank unit.

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